

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

327 House Office Building

Thursday 8:30 A.M.

March 17, 2005

Representative Dave Hildenbrand, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Hildenbrand requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, Stakoe, Baxter, McDowell, Sheltroun, Gillard and Espinoza.

Absent: Representatives Casperson and Rocca.

Representative Baxter moved, supported by **Representative Espinoza**, to excuse absent members.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Casperson and Rocca.

Representative Garfield moved, supported by **Representative Baxter**, to approve the minutes of the **February 10, 2005** meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by **unanimous consent**.

The Vice-Chair proceeded with the business of the committee by introducing **Noel LaPorte, Lobbyist** for the **Michigan Snowmobile Association**. **Mr. LaPorte** gave an overview of the **Michigan Snowmobile Association** and the **sport of snowmobiling** in the state of Michigan. Questions and discussion followed.

Jim Fox and Jim Radabaugh, representing the **Department of Natural Resources**, gave an overview of the snowmobile/tourism industry in the State of Michigan.* Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Vice-Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:15 a.m.**

Representative Dave Hildenbrand, Vice-Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
March 17, 2005
45 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicated printed material attached to original minutes.